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1. "The Molotov Artillery Works No. 172 (Artilleriiski Zavod No. 172 Imeni Molotova) in the town of Molotov is actually a combine of the following plants:
 - Works No. 172 - a gun factory
 - " " 176 - a factory for shell cases
 - " " 179 - a factory for artillery ammunition
 - " " ? - a factory for artillery apparatus
2. "The head manager of the combine is an artillery engineer, Major-General Avram Isaevich Bykhovski. In 1953 the combine had roughly 11,000 workers, employees and engineers.
3. "The Molotov Artillery Works specialize in 'corps artillery' (korpussnaia artil-leria), producing:
 - (a) Long-range guns of the following calibers
 - 100-mm of the 1944 type
 - 107-mm of the 1941 type
 - 122-mm of the 1931-37 type
 - (b) Howitzers and howitzer-guns of the following types
 - 152-mm howitzer of the 1943 type
 - 152-mm howitzer-gun of the 1937 type
4. "The total yearly output of the above guns was 6000 in 1952. The potential capacity of the Artillery Works No. 172 is such, however, that the yearly out-put of the above guns could, if required, be raised to 12,000.
5. "At present /late 53/ 50% of the shops of this works manufacture equipment for the naphtha and coal industry of the USSR."

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